

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2008-90-E - ORDER NO. 2008-507

JULY 15, 2008

IN RE:	)	ORDER DISMISSING
Mary Hester Williams,	)	COMPLAINT
Complainant/Petitioner	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,	)	
Defendant/Respondent	)	

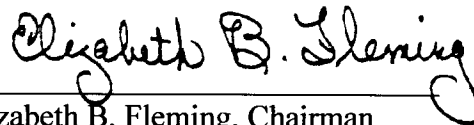
This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the motion by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“Duke” or “Company”) to dismiss the above-captioned Complaint. Because the Complaint states no claim for which this Commission can grant relief, we grant Duke’s motion to dismiss.

The Complainant’s April 28, 2008 letter to the Commission, which we accepted for filing as a Complaint, cites several sections of the United States Code and invokes the Federal Power Act, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Bill of Rights, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. Also attached are copies of Safe Drinking Water Act regulations promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and published in the Federal Register, along with copies of legal notices and newspaper articles from the *Charlotte Observer*.

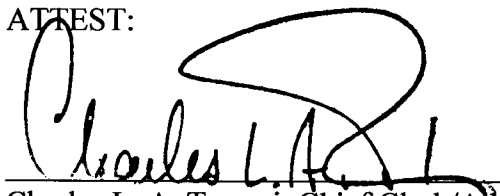
Neither the Complainant's filing nor any of the materials she attached to it in any way support her assertion that Duke should be ordered by the Commission to reconnect electric power to her home. This Commission regularly interprets and applies the statutes contained within Title 58 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and the regulations contained within Chapter 103 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations, and virtually all of the matters properly before us have some connection to these provisions. The Complainant has cited no authority in any way relating to state laws and regulations governing electric utilities in South Carolina. We have no choice, under these circumstances, but to dismiss the Complaint for lack of a claim within our jurisdiction and lack of supporting authority. Where a Complainant is unable to articulate a claim or to locate and cite applicable legal authority to support her case on her own, she should seek professional legal advice and assistance.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Charles L. A. Terreni, Chief Clerk/Administrator  
(SEAL)